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This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. On 27 October 1953, the Nachrichtenschule in Koenigsstrueck was occupied. Between 19 and 27 October, [] did not observe any training in the barracks area. Trucks seen en route to and from the installation [] 25X1
2. On 27 October, the Altes Lager was occupied by about 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Trucks [] were seen entering and leaving the camp. 2 25X1
3. Between 19 and 27 October, no noise of battle was heard from the training grounds in Neues Lager. Artillery fire had also discontinued. On 19 October, 10 armored personnel carriers [] occupied to capacity by troops armed with rifles, left the installation toward Dresden. Motor vehicles seen en route to and from Neues Lager [] 25X1
4. On 24 October, a train of 46 boxcars occupied by troops and carrying 2 field kitchens in operation passed through Koenigsstrueck, coming from the direction of Schwepnitz. 4 25X1
5. On 18 October, the Nachrichtenschule was occupied by about 600 to 700 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with tank insignia. [] tanks were stationed in the installation. [] did not observe any training activity. 1 25X1
6. On 16 October, two cantonment buildings of Altes Lager were occupied. Twenty-five trucks and tank trucks, [] and about 15 troops at maintenance work were seen in the barracks yard. 2 25X1
7. On 13 October, the occupation of Neues Lager appeared to have decreased. Motor vehicles seen en route to and from the installation [] 3 25X1

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8. On 14 October, the summer camp near Schwepnitz and Schmorkau had been vacated, except for a guard detail. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets. The Koenigsstrueck-Schwepnitz road along the camp was no longer blocked. 5

9. On 15 October, troops carrying baggage were shopping in Koenigsstrueck. [REDACTED] they were discharges shortly before their departure.

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10. On 15 October, [REDACTED] excesses by Soviet troops and even breaches of discipline were a frequent occurrence.

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11. On 15 October, the Nachrichtenschule was occupied almost to capacity by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with tank insignia and including women; and by several dependents. On 14 and 15 October, [REDACTED] did not observe any training. Troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia, and not engaged in any special duty were seen in the quarters and the yard. Trucks [REDACTED] were seen en route to and from the installation.

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. The [REDACTED] tank training battalion and the 270th Gds Fort Regt of the 11th Gds Tank Div are confirmed in the Nachrichten Schule until 5 October. 25X1

[REDACTED] 25X1

2. [REDACTED] Comment. The Altes Lager is occupied [REDACTED] by a fuel depot. 25X1

3. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] As the occupation strength apparently decreased after the end of the summer training period, it is assumed that, in addition to the troops permanently stationed there units had been temporarily stationed there during the summer months. 25X1

4. [REDACTED] 25X1

5. [REDACTED]

6. [REDACTED] Comment. The tanks and armored personnel carriers are carried with the 8th Gds Mecz Div. 25X1

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